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CAMERAS TO BE INSTALLED FOR EAGLE MONITORING

REDDING — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game will begin installation of video camera equipment at the Dana to Downtown project, near the Bald Eagle nest. The equipment will assist in the required nest monitoring during project construction.

Installation of the equipment will begin on October 16, 2008 with plans that the cameras be operational by the end of October. The cameras will not be activated until the birds return to the area. The nest camera will provide a web feed to supply live streaming video from the nest to the internet. A kiosk for public viewing will be available in the lobby of the Turtle Bay Exploration Park and over the internet via Caltrans web pages at www.caltrans2.info.

For more information contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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The Dana to Downtown Project emerged from a 1997 study performed by Caltrans and sponsored by the Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning Agency and has consistently been rated by the RTPA as the highest priority transportation project in the Redding area and Shasta County. However, due to dwindling transportation revenues, it has taken more than 10 years to accumulate enough funding to complete the project. A big boost was provided by the voters in November 2006 with passage of Proposition 1B which finally put the project within fiscal reach. Fifty-four percent of the project is funded from State transportation revenues approved by the RTPA while the remaining 46 percent comes from State transportation revenues approved by Caltrans. The RTPA governing board consists of the three members of the Shasta County Board of Supervisors and four City Council members representing Redding, Anderson and the City of Shasta Lake.

